



The Honorable Don Siegelman
Governor
State of Alabama
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Dear Governor Siegelman:

I respectfully present the Alabama Department of Public Safety's 65th annual report.

This annual report for the fiscal year 1999-2000 is a synopsis of the duties and accomplishments of the units which comprise the department's five divisions: Administrative, ABI, Driver License, Highway Patrol and Service.

Public Safety's dedicated, professional staff of arresting officers and nonsworn employees are committed to fulfilling the mission of courteously serving and protecting the people of Alabama. I am proud to say their commitment has not wavered, and I am equally proud of the department's accomplishments during this period.

As director of Public Safety, I speak on behalf of all members of the department in expressing our sincere appreciation of the support and confidence you have shown

this department. We pledge our continued commitment to fulfilling the department's obligations to the public with the highest level of service.

Sincerely,

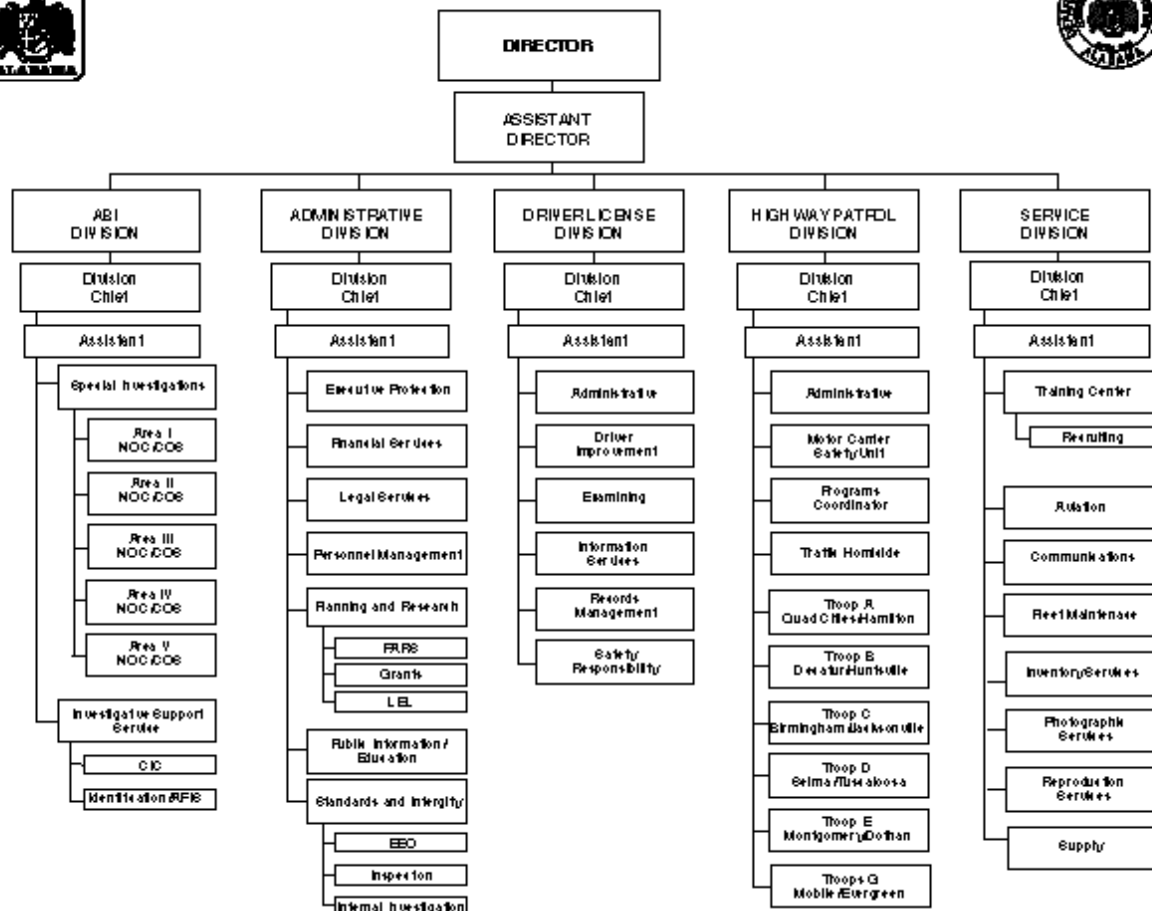
A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James H. Alexander".

Colonel James H. Alexander

Director



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Alabama Bureau Of Investigation

The Alabama Bureau of Investigation is the investigative arm of the Department of Public Safety. ABI provides investigative assistance to municipal, county, state, federal and foreign law enforcement agencies. In addition to field investigations of violent crimes and narcotic violations, ABI assists in crime scene searches, recovery and identification of latent fingerprints, polygraph examinations and the maintenance, dissemination and analysis of criminal history information.

Headquarters

ABI headquarters is located in Montgomery's Gunter Industrial Park in the Investigative Operations Center. The center opened in September 1992 as the Drug Operations Center and is funded by the U.S. Department of Defense through the Gulf States Initiative. In addition to housing ABI, the Investigative Operations Center houses personnel from National Guard, Federal Drug Enforcement Administration, U.S. Customs Service, Internal Revenue Service, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Attorney General's Office, Montgomery Police Department, Montgomery County Sheriff's Department and Luverne Police Department.

ABI was staffed statewide during the fiscal year with 87 arresting officers and 72 nonsworn support personnel. The headquarters or administrative staff supervises operations of the division. During the fiscal year, 129 special inquiry investigations involving police-related shootings, prisoner deaths and crimes such as public corruption were assigned by staff for investigation.

Narcotic Operations Service

The Narcotic Operations Service is responsible for enforcing state and federal controlled substance acts and related laws. NOS staff provides investigative, intelligence and analytical support to local, state and federal agencies. During the fiscal year NOS agents opened 389 cases, filed 529 assistance reports, 195 intelligence reports and arrested 448 persons on 652 charges.

Drugs and Property Seized

(Estimated Street Value)

Drugs (not including marijuana plants) \$1,548,526

Vehicles (14) \$186,800

Currency \$809,679

Weapons (53) \$18,455

Various other properties \$33,566

Total property \$1,048,500

Marijuana Eradication

Marijuana Eradication Program teams located and destroyed 42,618 marijuana plants with a street value of more than \$85 million during the fiscal year. A total of 54 weapons valued at \$18,639 were seized, and a total of 208 arrests were made. Property valued at \$94,990 was seized as a result of eradication teams' efforts. A total of 31 indoor-growth operations were discovered and raided.

Each eradication team is led by an ABI Narcotic Operations agent and consists of DPS Aviation Unit and Alabama National Guard helicopters and flight crews, with ground support teams comprised of Guard members and local law enforcement officers. The teams fly over each county at least twice during the growing season, and special missions are flown as needed.

Criminal Operations Service

The Criminal Operations Service is responsible for the identification, infiltration, investigation and prosecution of individuals, career criminals or organizations devoted to criminal enterprises or violent crimes in Alabama.

In addition to assisting local, county, state and federal agencies, COS agents conduct background investigations of state trooper applicants, assist other law enforcement agencies with applicant investigations and, upon request, conduct applicant investigations for certain merit and nonmerit positions within state government.

During the fiscal year 452 cases were opened, 598 assistance reports filed, 167 intelligence reports issued and 177 people arrested on 299 charges. COS agents administered 225 polygraph examinations for DPS and other law enforcement agencies. COS investigations resulted in the recovery of 88 stolen vehicles valued at \$817,088. COS recovered a total of \$1,446,847 in stolen property.

Explosive Ordnance Disposal

Agents assigned to the EOD Unit provide assistance to DPS and other law enforcement agencies. This fiscal year the EOD Unit received two additional canines trained to detect explosive devices. EOD activity during the fiscal year included the following:

Recovery of explosives 32

Security details 14

Bomb threat training 17

Search for booby traps 6

Recovery of military ordnance 9

EOD Training 3

Suspicious packages 6

Bomb threats 8

Attempted bombing investigations 1

Accidental explosion investigations 1

Incinerary device 1

Internet Crimes Against Children

In May of 2000 ABI received a grant from the United States Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention to form a unit to fight the growing number of crimes being committed against children

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over the Internet. ABI has trained agents and technicians to conduct forensic analysis of computers seized by ABI and other law enforcement agencies. Attempts to purchase equipment to conduct analysis and proactive investigations on the Internet have been delayed by the State Finance Director's Office. Agents conduct classes for students, teachers, and parents to make them aware of the dangers to children on the Internet. The following activity was conducted by the ICAC Unit from May until the end of the fiscal year:

Investigative interest 8

Arrests 2

Training sessions 12

Forensic examinations 18

Gulf Coast High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area

The Federal Office of National Drug Control Policy in Washington, D.C., declared the Gulf Coast states of Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area because they serve as a gateway for drugs entering the United States through seven deepwater ports and thousands of miles of unpatrolled coastlines and waterways. Several major highway systems and a multitude of commercial and private airports serve as staging and transit zones for drugs destined for other areas. Violent drug trafficking groups have developed markets in these states and have created significant drug distribution networks leading to drug-related crimes and social problems. The Alabama HIDTA serves Baldwin, Jefferson, Mobile and Montgomery counties.

HIDTA's mission is to measurably reduce the impact of Gulf Coast drug trafficking on other parts of the United States, and to measurably reduce violent drug trafficking in this three-state area. The fiscal year statistics for HIDTA are combined with the NOS statistics.

The diversity of the drug problem in the Gulf Coast region requires a holistic

approach. Accordingly, HIDTA's initiatives focus on various aspects of the threat and ways to insure that significant problems in specific geographic areas receive maximum attention.

Gulf Coast HIDTA Initiatives are comprised of teams of law enforcement personnel from federal, state and local agencies. Teams focus on decreasing the supply of illegal drugs and related crimes while coordinating demand reduction strategies.

Each participating agency has its own mission and strategy. The Gulf Coast HIDTA executive committee and the state boards coordinate the roles of each participating agency, insuring that efforts are integrated and address problems identified in the annual threat assessment.

Investigative Support Service

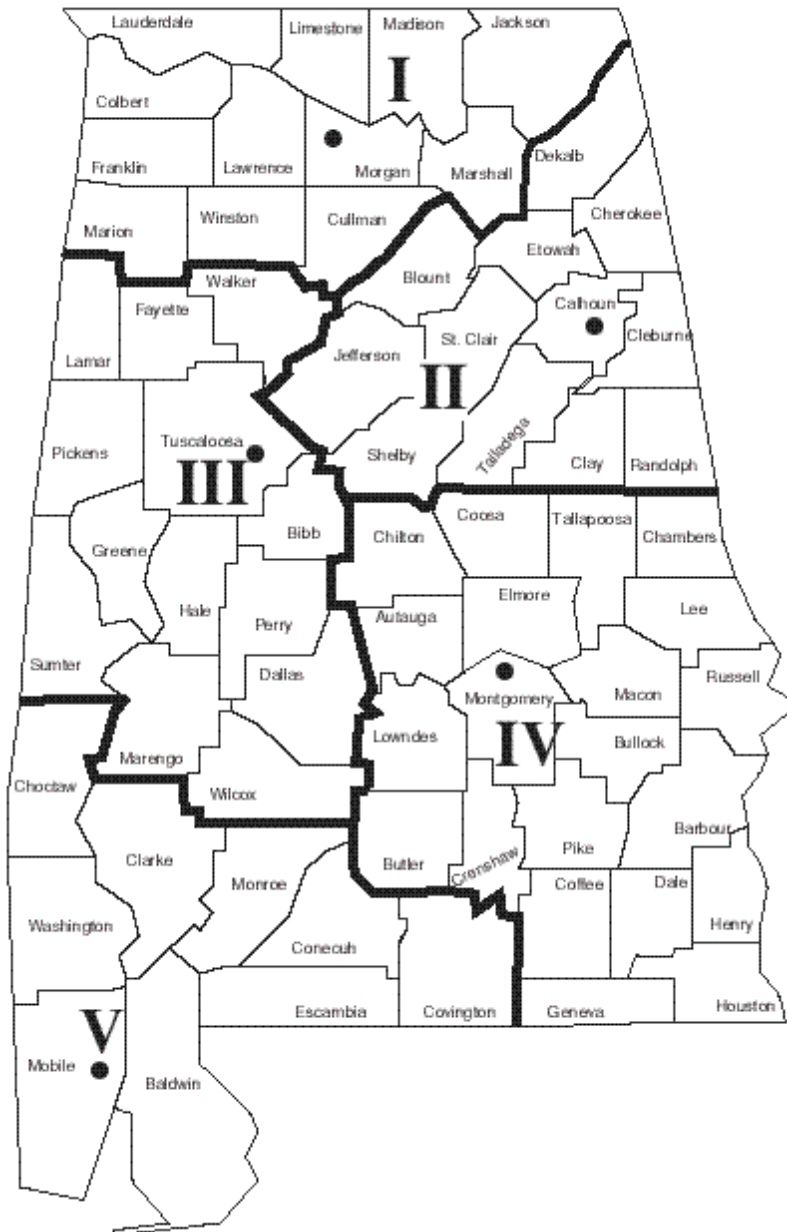
The Investigative Support Service is responsible for providing and coordinating requests for investigative support from Public Safety personnel and other law enforcement or governmental agencies.

Criminal Information Center

The Criminal Information Center collects, evaluates, collates, analyzes, reports and disseminates criminal intelligence data received from numerous sources. CIC coordinates the indexing of case data into a mainframe computer located in CIC. This information is then accessed through personal computers located throughout ABI and other DPS divisions.

Reports are filed via computer, providing speedy documentation necessary for effective storage, retrieval and sharing of information. During the fiscal year, CIC personnel prepared 4,117 assistance reports and 83 intelligence reports.

ALABAMA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AREAS



CIC functions as Public Safety's link with the Gulf States Initiative, with computerized networking of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Louisiana for collecting and sharing information on narcotic trafficking. This enhances the automation of current data in CIC, as well as future data generated by the department.

The **Alabama Intelligence Network**, funded by ADECA and coordinated through CIC, is an effective intelligence-gathering program available to all law enforcement agencies. AIN has improved the communication, coordination, analysis and exchange of narcotic and violent crime-related information between the 26 assisting drug task forces funded by ADECA and is the first operation utilizing this concept in the United States.

The **Alabama Center for Missing and Exploited Children** functions within CIC as the state's central repository for information on children and other persons missing in Alabama and other states. Unit personnel work with national and state agencies to provide resources to locate and recover missing children and assist in identifying unidentified living and deceased persons. During the year, 6,215 missing reports were opened, with 3,687 cases solved. ACMEC tracks the residences of criminal sex offenders and assists local law enforcement agencies in providing flyers for community notification when criminal sex offenders establish a new residence. During the fiscal year, ACMEC added 653 criminal sex offenders to the tracking database and made approximately 3,594 modifications in the database. There are 3,222 sex offenders displayed on ABI's web site, and 2,271 are subject to the Community Notification Act.

The **Safe Schools Hotline** was established in April 1999. ACMEC personnel answered the hotline, (888)SAV-KIDS, to aid in identifying problems in Alabama's schools. During the period ending September 30, 1999, there were 896 telephone calls received with 89 calls considered to have either an imminent, possible, or drug related threat level, requiring local law enforcement intervention.

The **Polygraph Examiners Board** also functions within CIC. This board consists of eight professional polygraph examiners appointed by the governor, and is responsible for enforcement of laws and regulations pertaining to polygraph examiners. The board administers tests to qualified applicants who desire to be polygraph examiners and has the power to suspend and revoke a license under certain circumstances.

The INTERPOL Liaison Network was established to coordinate international law enforcement case information and requests for investigative assistance, and to facilitate requests among network members, federal law enforcement organizations and foreign countries. The point of contact in Alabama for this liaison network is ABI.

Identification Service

The Identification Service is divided into the Criminal Record Section, Latent Print Section, Record Check Section and Automated Fingerprint Identification System Section.

The **Criminal Records Section** maintains fingerprint files on persons arrested in Alabama. This section also maintains repeat offender files and arrest dispositions, classifies fingerprint cards and provides criminal history information to law enforcement agencies throughout the nation. Approximately 375 arresting and judicial agencies in Alabama submit criminal history information to this section. During the year, the section received 182,879 criminal fingerprint cards and 122,114 court dispositions. There were 374,203 record checks conducted.

The **Latent Print Section** processes crime scene evidence for latent fingerprints and

compares these prints with the fingerprints of individuals who may have been at the scene of a crime. Section personnel also provide court testimony for state and federal agencies and provide training in the science of fingerprints to law enforcement agencies. The Latent Print Section investigated 2,835 cases and identified 1,137 cases during the fiscal year.

The ***Record Check Section*** conducts background checks on applicants for law enforcement, Corrections, state employees, education personnel and others. The section conducts background checks for approximately 1,000 agencies and individuals. The section performed 39,137 checks during the fiscal year, including 22,679 for the Department of Education.

Automated Fingerprint Identification Service (AFIS) is a computer system which analyzes, stores,

matches and retrieves fingerprint images and the matching features of these images. AFIS increases the ability to identify suspects quickly and provides efficient management of more than 751,000 fingerprint cards.

After a crime occurs, a latent fingerprint recovered from the crime scene is electronically scanned into the AFIS computer, where it is compared with approximately 5.5 million fingerprint images. The result of this scan is then verified by a certified latent print examiner to confirm any identification. During the fiscal year, there were 335 positive latent fingerprint identifications through AFIS.

Local Law Enforcement Assistance 1033 Program

Public Safety's Local Law Enforcement Assistance Unit was created to coordinate transfer of excess military equipment to state, county and local law enforcement agencies enforcing counterdrug laws in Alabama. Since its inception in January 1995, the 1033 Program has distributed more than \$30 million in military surplus equipment to Alabama law enforcement agencies.

Formerly known as the 1208 Program, this unit is located at the Investigative Operations Center. Limited warehousing of common items requested is available at that location for issuance to requesting agencies. Items requested and issued have included body armor, protective helmets, boots, clothing, night vision devices, sleeping bags, water coolers, trucks, cars, aircraft, and armored vehicles.

During the fiscal year the program distributed approximately \$4 million in excess military equipment to law enforcement agencies throughout the state.

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Administrative Division

- All other divisions of the Department of Public Safety are served by the Administrative Division, which implements policies and procedures and provides a variety of functions necessary to the smooth operation of the department.

Executive Security

The Executive Security Unit coordinates all protection details for public officials of the state as directed by Title 36, Chapter 33, of the Code of Alabama. The unit also provides support for federal agencies and out-of-state law enforcement protection details in fulfilling their protective duties when visiting the state of Alabama.

During the fiscal year, the unit provided personal protection, site security and assistance for Alabama elected officials and numerous visiting dignitaries from other states. The unit assisted the United States Capitol Police during the 3rd Annual Congressional Pilgrimage and Journey to Historic Civil Rights Sites in Birmingham, Montgomery and Selma, to include the anniversary of Bloody Sunday. The Executive Security Unit assisted the U.S. Secret Service with security for President Clinton's visit to Selma during the Bloody Sunday anniversary.

Financial Services Unit

The Financial Services Unit has the following primary areas of responsibility in the operation of the Department of Public Safety.

DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET: The budget is prepared during the summer to meet the financial needs of the department during the fiscal year beginning October 1. The total amount appropriated by the Legislature is analyzed and converted into an operations plan that best fulfills the needs of each departmental division - down to the organizational level. It is analyzed and modified as necessary during the fiscal year to meet the department's changing obligations. The annual budget request is prepared based on anticipated financial requirements for the coming year.

ACCOUNTING: The Accounting Section comprises payments against purchase orders, travel vouchers, and other payments. Invoices are audited and vouchers are processed for all expenditures of the department. These expenditures are analyzed and financial reports prepared reflecting the financial status of the department.

PAYROLL: Payrolls are prepared to insure each employee of the department is paid the correct amount in a timely manner. The GHRS Payroll System is a completely automated payroll/personnel system.

GRANTS: The Grants Section is comprised of accounting, billing, reporting and receipts areas. This includes processing all payments made concerning each federal grant, preparing claims according to the guidelines set out by each individual grant reporting entity, and processing all receipts.

PURCHASING: The Purchasing Section is responsible for all requisitions, agency encumbrances, and purchase orders for the department.

ORGANIZATIONAL BUDGET: The newest section of Financial Services is responsible for the budgeting, accounting, and reporting for individual organizations within the department.

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Legal Unit

The Legal Unit is staffed by six attorneys, a docket clerk, an ASA III, an ASA I and a clerk. The primary responsibility of the Legal Unit is to represent the department and its employees in all legal matters. During the fiscal year, the department or its employees received 21 new major civil cases pending in state and federal courts. Also during the fiscal year, the department won all of its major cases as a result of summary judgement.

Driver license suspension appeals account for the largest number of cases handled by the department. During the year the department received a total of 1,044 cases - an increase of 10 cases over the previous year. These appeals are handled in all 67 counties. The number of these appeals continues to increase each year because of additional legislation regarding the suspension of driver licenses.

The Legal Unit recently was tasked with handling all hearings regarding appeal of the registration of sex offenders. This is being done without any increase in budget.

In addition to the normal representation of the department, the Legal Unit represents the department in all disciplinary matters involving its employees. Other duties include drafting and reviewing contracts, representing the department before the Board of Adjustment, reviewing and writing legislation and providing legal advice to the director and other department staff members. The Legal Unit also provides instructors for in-service training.

Personnel Management

The Personnel Management Unit coordinates and processes all personnel actions in coordination with the State Personnel Department. These actions include appointments, employee evaluations, promotions, leave, on-the-job injuries, FMLA, resignations, administrative hearings, service awards and other duties as required.

Personnel Management maintains official personnel files on approximately 1,186 active and 6,100 inactive employees.

This unit coordinates the department's Policy Order No. 100 regarding assignment and training. The policy provides for announcement of vacant law enforcement positions/duties and ensures that equal consideration is given to all interested employees who meet minimum qualifications. During this fiscal year, 69 positions and 21 additional duty assignments were announced.

Projects coordinated by Personnel Management during the fiscal year included notification of trooper applicants on their availability for a class to be hired in 2001; blood pressure and Health and Fitness Day programs sponsored by HealthWatch; department-sponsored blood drives administered by the American Red Cross; and the 1999 State Employee Combined Charitable Campaign, which exceeded all past contributions.

Personnel Transactions

Administrative hearings 5

Annual raises 556

Appointments 93

Deaths 1

Demotions 2

Dismissals 6

Employee suggestions 0

Injury in line-of-duty claims 89

Leave without pay 69

Medical examinations 3

Merit raises 1

Military leave 462

Name changes 8

Overtime 450

Probationary raises 86

Promotions 65

Resignations 61

Retirements 48

Salary adjustments 6

Service pins 73

Suspensions 19

Transfers 183

Travel orders 454

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Planning And Research

The Planning and Research Unit/Team was re-established January 1, 2000. The unit is responsible for conducting research into innovative law enforcement techniques and products, evaluating existing programs and policies, updating staffing formulas, developing strategic plans focused on futuristic trends and challenges to public safety, developing, reviewing and maintaining the department's operational policy and procedure manual and strategic plan. Highlights of the unit during the fiscal year included:

Researching, reviewing and writing 20 departmental policies and procedures.

Responding to 65 law enforcement related surveys.

Conducting five law enforcement surveys.

Establishing the department's Record and Retention Committee/Procedure(s).

Establishing the department's Legislative Review Committee.

Developing and writing the department's strategic plan (2000-2005).

Conducting an oral interview with the U.S. Attorney General's Office, General Janet Reno, on departmental hiring practices.

Networking and providing vital information to the state's designated contractor in formulating the State's Technology Strategic Plan (Governor's Office).

Assisting the department's Financial Services Unit in the performance-based budgeting process.

Managing 40 departmental grants - special and federally funded.

Managing the national award-winning Law Enforcement Liaison (LEL) Program.

Managing the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

Conducting five special research projects for the Governor's and department Director's Office.

Fatality Analysis Reporting System

Alabama's Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) is a calendar-year census of data on all fatal traffic crashes occurring on Alabama roadways. Alabama is part of the FARS network, along with all other states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

To be included in FARS statistics, a crash must involve a motor vehicle traveling on a roadway customarily open to the public and result in the death of a person (a vehicle occupant or nonmotorist) within 30 days of the crash.

Areas of increased emphasis and special studies for the year included injuries associated with airbag deployments, school bus-related fatalities, sport utility vehicle rollovers and tire defects.

Highlights of the year included attendance by all FARS personnel at the FARS 25th

Annual System-wide Training in San Antonio, Texas; attendance by the FARS supervisor at the 26th Annual International Traffic Records Forum in Portland, Ore.; and the purchase of a new computer system for use by the FARS supervisor.

1999 Motor Vehicle Deaths*

Fatal Crashes 1,000 up 4.4%

Deaths 1,148 up 7.2%

Deaths per 100,000 licensed drivers 32.7

Deaths per billion vehicle miles traveled 20.4

*1999 is the last year for which complete data is available.

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Grants Administration

Responsibilities of the Grants Administration Unit include but are not limited to the following:

Development and submittal of grant applications.

In-house monitoring of grants to ensure grant activities are within program guidelines.

Review of reimbursement requests completed by Grants Accounting Section.

Completion of reimbursement requests and grant progress reports as needed.

Serving as department grant liaison.

Maintenance of all grant guidelines, applications, and related documents.

Monitoring the financial status of grants.

Research of legislation and the Internet for new grant programs.

Projects completed this past year include:

Administration of 40 grants and special revenue funds in excess of \$11,000,000, to include on-going in- house reviews of project activity and financial expenditures.

Development and subsequent award of new grant for \$366,666 through the Community Oriented

Policing Services (COPS) Technology Pilot Program to purchase in-car video cameras.

Development and subsequent award of new grants and interagency agreements for the Law Enforcement Liaison project, the Seatbelt Enforcement Project, and the Aerial Speed Enforcement Project.

Negotiated with ADECA, ACJIC, Alabama Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Department, U.S. Justice Department, Tuscaloosa County Commission, and other funding agencies regarding allowable grant expenditures and activities (Byrne grant, traffic safety overtime grants, traffic homicide grant, driver license suspension appeals project, truck weighing programs, OCDETF, Corridor 82 project, etc.)

Attended conferences and training workshops in order to stay abreast of law enforcement trends for future funding opportunities, including COPS and Law Enforcement Technology Integration.

Streamlined grant procedures for all department grants to ensure accurate reimbursements and compliance with program guidelines.

Continued the process of training new personnel in Grants Accounting Section and new departmental project managers on grant procedures and guidelines.

Conducted in-service training session for departmental supervisors on grant procedures and guidelines.

Law Enforcement Liaison Program

The Law Enforcement Liaison (LEL) Program began in February of 2000. This program, funded by ADECA with National Highway Traffic Safety Administration funds, was initiated in order to plan, develop, and implement a statewide initiative to promote education and enforcement of the current occupant protection laws in order to increase seatbelt and child restraint usage in the state of Alabama.

Under this program, two lieutenants were assigned to work under the direction of the Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Division of ADECA.

The first year of this program was spent developing the program, establishing filing and tracking systems, attending orientation programs, training and conferences, assisting the Community Traffic Safety Program (CTSP) coordinator(s), promoting the enforcement of child passenger safety and occupant protection laws.

This project increased program participation from 15 percent (60 agencies) to 98.4 percent (407 agencies) in Operation America Buckles Up Children Traffic Safety Mobilization (Operation ABC). This percentage exceeded both the statewide goal of 85 percent, and the national goal of 70 percent. As a result of their work with this project, the DPS LEL's received national recognition and a certificate of appreciation from NHTSA at the National Law Enforcement Liaison Conference in Atlanta, Ga., in June 2000. This commendation was due to the fact that on a percentage basis, Alabama's LEL's increased the number of law enforcement agencies joining the May 2000 Buckle Up Mobilization more than any other state in the nation.

Public Information/Education

The Public Information/Education Unit provides information to the public, media, law enforcement agencies and others concerning departmental operations and all aspects of law enforcement and traffic safety; conducts safety programs and campaigns; is responsible for archives and headquarters information/security; and supports recruiting efforts by producing and distributing recruiting material, and making individual and group contacts.

The unit produces the departmental newsletter, *The Blue Light*, and annual report, and provides graphic layout and design in the production of departmental forms, manuals, organizational charts and other printed materials.

Archives and Information/Security

The Archives Section maintains and updates archival files for the department. The section also monitors three daily newspapers, clipping and filing articles related to departmental operations. Public Information/Education also is responsible for staffing the information/security desk at headquarters and issuing security passes to visitors. During the fiscal year, the desk receptionist greeted and provided information and directions to approximately 8,000 visitors and responded to approximately 10,000 telephone inquiries.

PI/E Activities

Miles traveled 130,394

Talks, traffic safety/law enforcement 649

Persons attending 56,011

Pieces of safety literature distributed 13,986

Printed news releases distributed statewide 12

(news releases to 400 media outlets) 4,800

Field officer news media interviews 3,096

Radio and TV spots recorded 539

Radio and TV programs by field officers 38

Miscellaneous traffic safety-related

special details/hours 1,179

Driver improvement programs 51

Hours instruction 221

Media and information inquiries/hours 3,096

Standards & Integrity

The Standards and Integrity Unit is responsible for ensuring that department resources are utilized effectively and efficiently, and that departmental employees adhere to professional standards as established in the code of ethics, and Department of Public Safety and State Personnel rules and regulations.

Unit staff inspect department facilities, equipment and personnel; audit records and files; investigate EEO complaints and employee grievances, review hiring promotions and duty assignments; assist the Legal Unit with lawsuits filed against the department or employees; investigate complaints or indications of employees misconduct; and review disciplinary procedures.

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Standards and Integrity Unit activity during the fiscal year included:

Inspections:

Inspections 5

Audits 3

Personnel Assistance:

Drug screens 8

Administrative hearings 6

EEO Action:

Complaints resolved 12

Complaints withdrawn 3

Complaints pending 4

Current investigation 1

Legal Assistance:

Pro-active investigations 60

Lawsuit investigations 10

Internal investigations 25

Pro-active investigations pending 2

Lawsuits investigations pending 6

Pro-active cases to review/monitor 91

The unit also coordinated the department U.S. Savings Bond drive; coordinated the blood drive; attended four training seminars by two or more members; revised the Equal Employment Opportunity plan for federal grants; coordinated the Combined Campaign drive; wrote an inspection manual for the Highway Patrol Division; made 104 arrests, and issued 96 warnings/citations.

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Driver License Division

The Driver License Division is responsible for testing and keeping records on Alabama's licensed drivers. These records include accident reports, traffic arrest forms, driver license applications and traffic violation convictions. In addition to administering the written and road skills driver license examination to commercial and noncommercial drivers, the division is responsible for the application of penalties that may result in the revocation or suspension of a driver license.

Administrative

The Administrative Unit implements policies and procedures for the operation of the Driver License Division. The Administrative Unit is responsible for the implementation of driver license legislation, both federal and state. The unit handles in-service training schools for the division and revises division manuals, forms, policies and procedures. The division chief's office maintains the budget for the division and oversees the operation of all units within the division.

Driver License Services

During the fiscal year 1999-2000, fee receipts collected by the Driver License Division and deposited into the state's General Fund totaled \$39,976,847.51.

Driver License Services sold 2,051,730 driver records at \$5.75 each by mail-in request, depositing \$11,797,447.50 into the General Fund. A total of 50,284 free driver records were provided to federal and state law enforcement agencies.

Driver License Services received 21,856 returned driver licenses from the U.S. Postal Service, and 2,329 of these were re-mailed.

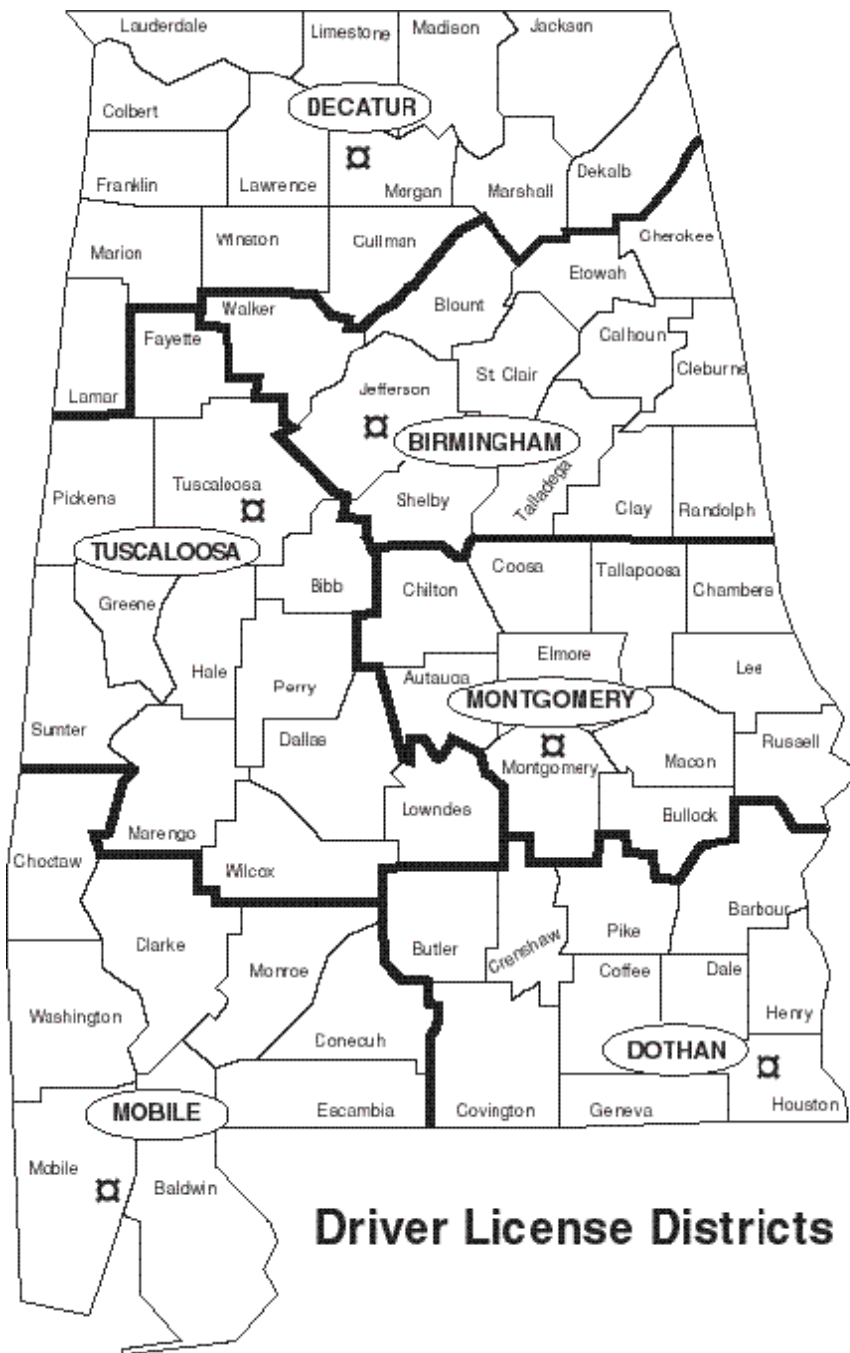
The unit maintained 4,579,073 driver license records at the end of the fiscal year, including 3,972,948 active drivers, 473,590 nondriver identification records and 132,535 assigned file numbers.

Driver Services microfilms 95 percent of all documents received by the Driver License Division. More than 7,000 documents are microfilmed daily.

During the year a total of 3,779 valid without photo licenses were renewed or issued to Alabama drivers temporarily out of state.

Driver Improvement, Records Unit, Reinstatement & Accident Records

These units reply to correspondence, telephone calls, and personal contacts regarding actions against driving privileges. More than 228,776 documents were manually reviewed and 110,948 telephone calls answered. **Due to a shortage of personnel another 305,170 telephone calls went unanswered.** Monies collected from the sale of 28,072 driving records amounted to \$161,414, and the sale of 41,420 accident reports amounted to \$207,100. Another \$6,013,800 was collected in reinstatement fees and \$119,775.00 in drug conviction reinstatement fees. All monies were deposited into the General Fund.



More than 158,634 notices of driver license suspensions were mailed. Suspension notices due to traffic offenses are automatically generated when the Data Entry Unit keypunches a conviction to the driver record. There is a minimum backlog of 52,010 tickets and 5,230 accident reports to be readied for processing by the Data Entry Unit.

The number one reason for the suspension of a driver license is failure to appear in court regarding a traffic citation, accounting for 59,037 suspensions. Alcohol related offenses accounted for another 27,797 suspensions. Other suspension reasons included driving while suspended - 30,085, failure to pay a fine - 10,922, accumulation of convictions - 10,672, drug offenses - 12,384, and fraudulently obtaining a license - 6,510. There were 36,977 suspended licenses received.

Safety Responsibility Unit

The Safety Responsibility Unit implements state law which requires every operator/owner involved in a traffic (vehicular) accident in Alabama to establish financial responsibility when it is determined that the operator/owner is answerable for damages and/or injuries resulting from his or her negligence.

During the fiscal year, 203,845 SR-13 Accident Report Forms were processed as the result of 146,254 accidents reported to the unit. Damage and/or injury claims accepted by the unit resulted in the issuance of 9,012 suspension notices to persons shown to be financially irresponsible.

The Safety Responsibility Unit received 51,256 proof of insurance documents. A total of 29,912 suspensions were generated for failure to maintain proof of insurance. Due to a lack of personnel, 643 proof of insurance documents were not processed.

Security posted with the unit totaled \$434,490.32. Disbursements totaled \$485,481.29.

The Safety Unit received 2,474 court ordered judgments. A file was established and a suspension notice sent for each one.

The unit received 22 circuit court subpoenas requiring a uniformed trooper to testify on behalf of the director of the Department of Public Safety.

The Safety Responsibility Unit lost eight employees, one lieutenant and seven ASA I's, due to transfers and retirements within the year. The shortage of personnel created a document backlog consisting of approximately: coding SR-13's, 18,706; insurance cancellations SR-26's, 1,696; and correspondence, 850.

This backlog has a direct impact on the public by the increase of civil actions (judgments), the unnecessary suspension of driver licenses, and the failure to suspend others that should have been suspended. If the backlog continues, the two-year statute will expire, and no action will be taken on any claims received from the public.

Examining

The Examining Unit has experienced many positive accomplishments during the year. One major accomplishment is in the area of fraud detection. All examiners were trained in the recognition of fraudulent documents and in various methods used by perpetrators to make and pass such documents. As a result of this training and the diligent efforts of Driver License personnel, more than 250 felony arrests were made. In addition, driver license examining personnel were responsible for 280 misdemeanor arrests.

Other areas of significant accomplishment were in the revision of driver license manuals, including the Examiners Guide, policy and procedure manuals, and updating business rules for the first Reinstatement Procedures Manual. Additionally, a new Alabama driver handbook was revised and rewritten. The last significant revision to this handbook was in January 1995.

Several training classes were conducted during the year. Examiners and supervisors attended a variety of

courses, including certified driver license training, courteous customer service, driver license in-service training, and commercial and driver license certification courses. A first ever 40-hour basic examiner training

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course was provided to nine newly hired examiners to properly acclimate them to their new duties.

Driver License personnel also developed and instructed a 40-hour course designed to train driver education teachers in administering driver tests to high school students. Under this newly enacted legislation, a certified driver education instructor is permitted to administer driver tests to high school students enrolled in driver education. The Driver License Division and the Alabama Department of Education continue to work closely together to increase the number of certified instructors throughout the state, with additional training scheduled for the summer of 2001.

A 40-hour commercial driver license certification course conducted at the Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center in Selma included driver license examiners, troopers and third-party testers. They were required to pass all commercial driver license written exams before attending the course.

The course consisted of practical experience in driving commercial vehicles in controlled settings, learning to properly pre-trip different classes of commercial vehicles, learning the names and functions of various parts of commercial vehicles, and learning to properly grade the basic control test and road test for commercial vehicles.

To successfully complete the course, students were required to score an applicant within a five percent variance of their instructor and were required to pass a 50-question written exit examination with a minimum score of 80 percent.

The Driver License Examining Unit administers written Class D tests in seven foreign languages.

Foreign Language Tests Administered

Chinese 118

French 36

German 48

Japanese 43

Korean 25

Spanish 1,821

Vietnamese 214

Total 2,305

Driver Licenses Issued by Class

Class A commercial 57,744

Class B commercial 18,942

Class C commercial 4,295

Class D operator 792,537

Class D (Y restriction) learner license 56,042

Class M motorcycle 426

Class V vessel 81,519

(including 3,269 boat only licenses)

ID/62 & older identification cards 37,708

During the fiscal year, the Driver License Division's six districts were realigned. The newly formed Tuscaloosa District, composed of the Selma and the Jacksonville posts, became part of the Birmingham District.

Due to a lack of personnel the Examining Unit was unable to serve approximately 29,297 customers throughout the state.

Medical Unit

The Medical Unit is responsible for reviewing medical conditions that affect cognitive and functional abilities in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Medical Unit tracks drivers that have medical problems to ensure that our highways are as safe as possible for all drivers in the state of Alabama.

During the year, the Medical Unit processed 30,828 reports, handled 14,964 telephone calls and served 276 walk-in customers. The use of optical imaging Keyfile software allowed the unit to scan documents more efficiently.

The Medical Unit gained a driver license specialist in January to serve as a first-line supervisor, and lost an ASA I in September. A backlog of 511,673 documents remained to be scanned. At the current rate of scanning, it will take approximately 15 years to eliminate the backlog.

The Medical Advisory Board was reestablished during the year after an extended period of inactivity. An organizational meeting was held in September at the Montgomery Trooper Post. During this meeting, medical guidelines were approved that gave the Medical Unit written guidelines to follow when making decisions on whether or not a person is medically qualified to hold or obtain an Alabama driver license.

The Medical Advisory Board provides qualified physicians to assist our Medical Unit in determining the eligibility of drivers with possible disqualifying medical conditions. Their expertise is particularly valuable in unusual cases that are not clearly defined by written guidelines.

Information Services Unit

The Information Services Unit directs and manages the department's computer resources and services, providing all aspects of software development and management and supporting all divisions with automated information services. The unit is responsible for the purchase, installation, and maintenance of all computer hardware and data communication components.

With only two staff members, the programming staff maintains a variety of software supporting activities such as driver license issuance, driver improvement functions, safety responsibility actions, commercial driver automated testing and applicant processing. The unit also provides computer support of driver license information to law enforcement agencies throughout Alabama and the nation.

The Unified Network Interface system allows driver license personnel and motor carrier inspection staff to access commercial driver information through a national link and provides an effective exchange of citation and driver history data.

The unit supports mainframe applications such as LEDS, SNAP, LGFS and GHRS. These applications interface essential services with the state's Finance Department. Information is also provided for other state functions, including voter registration, boater registration, risk management, revenue, Medicaid, human resources, education, conservation, criminal justice and state courts.

The unit provides support for local area networks, including an optical imaging network that enables the Driver License Division to manage all medical records. The unit maintains and supports several operating systems to include minicomputers, laptop computers, personal computers with printers, hand-held pin-based computers, mainframe terminals, mainframe printers and terminal controllers. Unit personnel

install and set up these computers for DPS facilities across the state.

Unit personnel also operate mainframe computers within DPS facilities to include remote job entry to the Information Services Division data center. Personnel support the Automated Fingerprint Identification System and computers connecting to a variety of systems including National Driver Register's Problem Driver Pointer System, Commercial Driver License Information System, and Criminal Justice Information Center. Personnel maintain the Commercial Driver License Information System and Problem Driver Pointer System help desk, assisting other states in managing the electronic interface of commercial driver and problem driver records.

During the year the Data Entry Unit employed from eight to 21 data entry operators, who processed 1,485,683 documents with a keystroke output of 199,255,331. Documents and records processed include

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traffic citations, failure to appear notices, SR-13 reports, safety responsibility claims, accident reports, driver license applications, DPS employee leave, and motor vehicle report requests. This unit reduced the data entry backlog to 216,365 documents and 29,991,258 keystrokes and eliminated a backlog of more than 30,000 accident documents. All current documents received are processed.

The Computer Operations Unit provides support for the DPS midrange computer, the state mainframe computer, and the Driver License DC9000 which prints the driver license. The unit was able to reduce a driver license/ID production backlog from 21 days to zero, producing and mailing more than 1,586,857 licenses and IDs.

Major projects during the year involved efforts to convert all software for Y2K compliance. Unit staff made successful Y2K conversions in the areas of data entry, computer operations and programming development. This included converting administrative applications to the mainframe computer and remedying over 350 driver license/driver history online and batch programs. Other projects completed included:

Developing a vessel license online and batch system to allow Conservation Department personnel to enter vessel violations online and update the DPS driver history databases.

Setting up a social security number online verification program in order to reduce driver license fraud.

Removing the ability to assign pseudo numbers in place of a valid social security number.

Setting up many new online Motor Vehicle Record users through the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA).

Conversion of most departmental computer applications including the Alabama State Trooper activity report (AST), budget report, driver license examiner activity report,

leave report, traffic homicide and vehicle cost reports. The new package, known as DARTS (DPS Activity and Resource Tracking System), refines the original applications and provides a modular structure to accommodate future development efforts. Deployment of these applications is in progress.

The development and deployment of the Fraud Database System, a web-based system used to manage and track cases involving fraudulent activity with regard to driver licenses.

The successful implementation of a seatbelt website application to allow over 500 law enforcement agencies to report statistical information on seatbelt violations.

Setting up an ImageServer for the Alabama Bureau of Investigation. This allows online access to Alabama Driver License Issuing System (ADLIS) data, eliminating the old way of receiving the information by diskette.

Sick leave accrual modifications on the mainframe and DPS leave applications.

Adding communication links to DPS for driver license examiner sites in Foley, Fairhope, Guntersville, Athens, Eutaw, and Cullman.

Unit staff upgraded the communication network within DPS and the 502 Washington location to provide a faster and more efficient network and allow an increase in the number of network users. The unit also upgraded the Imaging System in the Medical Unit and the FASTER fleet maintenance system used by the Auto Shop.

The unit continually upgraded old computers throughout the state, replacing more than 40 desktops and laptops for DPS users and replacing worn out printers.

Staff provided custom training for users through regularly scheduled classes. Topics included AST, budget, DL examiner, leave, vehicle cost, MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint, basic Windows skills, and e-mail. These classes were enhanced through the connection of training room workstations to the DPS network.

The unit provided daily user and network support to the DPS and ADLIS networks. This support included resolution of software and hardware problems, installation and configuration of new software and hardware, troubleshooting and correcting workstation and network problems, and general assistance to users with questions about the day-to-day use of Windows and Windows-based applications. The unit provided daily monitoring of network and server status for the DPS and ADLIS networks, and through this daily monitoring was able to provide a high degree of availability for both networks. The unit routinely monitors

these systems for signs of intrusion or other unusual activity.

All areas of the Information Services Unit continued to make improvements during the year by providing DPS staff and the public with an effective network of computer support. Increased staffing enabled the unit to better serve its users.

Hearing Unit

The Hearing Unit is responsible for providing hearings to the public on driver license related matters, reviewing and processing administrative suspensions for driving under the influence and investigating driver license fraud. The Hearing Unit conducts hearings in order to afford citizens their lawful right to dispute a departmental action concerning the driving privilege. These actions include suspension, revocation, cancellation and disqualification.

When a driver is arrested for driving under the influence in Alabama, the arresting officer completes an "Official Notice of Suspension of Driving Privileges and Affidavit." This form, known as the AST- 60, is sent to the Hearing Unit where it is reviewed by an arresting officer for compliance with the law and processed. If all requirements for suspension are met based on the AST-60, the driver license suspension will become effective 45 days after the date of arrest. If all requirements for suspension are not met based on the AST-60, the administrative suspension will be rescinded and the driver license will be returned with a letter of explanation (rescission letter). The driver may still be suspended however, if found guilty in a court of law.

The Hearing Unit doubles as a Driver License Fraud Unit. Ten hearing officers investigate driver license fraud. When hearing officers are not conducting per se or driver license hearings, they are working on fraud cases. When a complaint or information is received involving some type of driver license fraud, a file is created and sent to a hearing officer in the field. The majority of these investigations generate a suspension of the violator's driving privileges. When fraud or forgery is discovered during an investigation, an arrest is made or a warrant is obtained for the involved individual. Currently more than 300 cases of fraud are noted in the Hearing Unit, including completed cases and cases still under investigation.

In fiscal year 1999-2000 there were approximately 30,000 driving under the influence arrests in the State of Alabama. As a result of these arrests, 12,890 drivers were administratively suspended under the per se law (ACT 99-598 as amended), and 14,925 were suspended or revoked based on a court conviction. This is a total of 27,815 drivers whose driving privilege were either suspended or revoked based on a charge of driving under the influence.

Revenue generated from administrative suspensions based on the AST-60 - 12,890 @ \$50 each - totaled \$644,500.

Documents Processed by the Hearing Unit

AST-60's 30,000

Rescission letters 10,920

Hearing requests (administrative per se only) 1,284

Result letters mailed (administrative per se) 1,158

Hearings (total held and reviewed) 3,210

Total 46,572

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Highway Patrol Division

The Highway Patrol Division comprises six troops made up of 12 Highway Patrol posts and communications centers. Tactical teams, the Traffic Homicide Investigation Unit, Training/Career Development Office and the Motor Carrier Safety Unit support these posts. The division also includes the State Trooper Reserves and Honor Guard.

Highway Patrol

The Highway Patrol Division accounts for approximately 70 percent of the total number of DPS officers. These troopers patrol approximately 67,531 miles of rural roadways in 67 counties. During the fiscal year, they worked approximately 885,000 hours and traveled 13 million miles performing patrol duties and related activities.

During the year Highway Patrol troopers participated in the Construction Zone Traffic Control Program, a statewide traffic enforcement effort to promote traffic and worker safety in construction zones. Statewide DUI roadblocks coordinated by the Department of Public Safety and organized by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, were held during selected holidays.

In September division troopers assisted by other departmental officers worked the "Footwash" detail in Hale County. In addition to regular patrol duties, troopers assisted with the Talladega races and Mardi Gras in Mobile.

During selected periods, patrol troopers worked special overtime (off-duty hours), concentrating on speed enforcement, with funding provided by a grant from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

Headquarters

The headquarters staff coordinates all Highway Patrol Division operations and oversees Communications, the Traffic Homicide Unit, Training/Career Development Office, and Tactical Operations Teams.

During FY 99-00, Highway Patrol focused on continuing a concentrated DUI enforcement program and a comprehensive drug enforcement/interdiction program. The division also continued enforcing the maximum speed limit through federally funded overtime programs and continued the Construction Zone Traffic Control Program.

Traffic Homicide Unit

Ninety investigators staff the Alabama Department of Public Safety Traffic Homicide Unit. These troopers are members of the Highway Patrol Division, and, in addition to their regular duties, have advanced training in the field of traffic collision investigation. In accordance with division policy, these troopers conduct detailed investigations of serious crashes where death or serious injury has resulted and the potential for criminal charges exists. During 2000, the unit investigated 245 collisions.

Members of the unit are trained in the latest techniques of traffic collision investigation. In order to ensure that the investigative skills are kept up to date, in-service training is an ongoing process. During the year, members of the unit attended 20 classes in advanced accident investigation presented by the University

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of North Florida Institute of Police Technology and Management. Classes included training in accident reconstruction, commercial vehicle accident reconstruction, motorcycle collision investigation, pedestrian accident investigation, computerized collision diagramming, the use of physics in accident investigation and photography.

The unit utilizes the latest technology in mapping and diagramming of crash scenes for use in interpreting facts through the use of scale diagrams. These diagrams are produced with the use of Total Station Mapping Systems (TSMS). These electronic, laser-based systems allow for the rapid mapping of traffic crash scenes with an accuracy of 1/16 of an inch at a quarter mile. Using these scene maps, the investigator is able to calculate speeds of vehicles, locations of vehicles at any point before, during or after collisions and, in most cases, the cause of the collision.

The Department of Public Safety is the only law enforcement agency in Alabama currently using this system. The Traffic Homicide Unit makes the TSMS and its operators available to assist any law enforcement agency in Alabama when needed to investigate serious motor vehicle crashes.

The Traffic Homicide Unit also presented a two-week traffic homicide investigation course and allowed officers from outside agencies to attend. During 2000, 23 city and county officers from Alabama received this training. Additionally, the Traffic Homicide Unit provides investigators with advanced training to assist local agencies with complex investigations. This cooperation among various agencies has resulted in a higher level of service provided to victims and their families.

Training/Career Development Office

The Training/Career Development officer assisted in ensuring uniformity of the Performance Appraisal Program by conducting classes and also reviewing division employees' performance appraisals. In addition, coordination for in-service training was scheduled, along with T-Cap/Criminal Patrol, and drug raid planning.

Tactical Operations Teams

Four tactical operations teams, consisting of 10 members each, are coordinated through headquarters. During the year, teams were utilized on a variety of details including large-scale drug raids, high-risk warrant service, hostage situations, manhunts and surveillance. Teams also responded to requests for assistance from other agencies.

State Trooper Reserves

The Trooper Reserves ended the year with 10 volunteers who helped division personnel at various events in the state, including the races at Talladega, football game traffic and other special events.

Honor Guard

The State Trooper Honor Guard is made up of 35 arresting officers and four reserve troopers (bagpipers). The Honor Guard participated in nine funerals during the year and posted colors at five different ceremonial functions. The Honor Guard provided a bagpiper to play "Amazing Grace" and a trumpet player to play "Taps" at the VOCAL candlelight vigil at the DPS building in April.

Motor Carrier Safety Unit

The Motor Carrier Safety Unit is responsible for enforcement compliance of all commercial motor vehicles, both intrastate and interstate commerce, through the adoption of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (CFR 49) codified in Title 32-9A by the 1998 Motor Carrier Safety Act.

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The unit is staffed with 50 arresting officers and seven civilian personnel. A commander, assistant commander, two sergeants (north and south) and seven corporals make up the supervisory staff.

Twenty-four troopers, who are qualified to perform North American Standard Level One inspections, perform roadside inspections. Four of these troopers perform indepth carrier compliance reviews, while two others perform additional duties as K-9 troopers.

The Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Program involves 100 additional Highway Patrol Division troopers. Although not assigned to the Motor Carrier Safety Unit, these troopers conduct roadside inspections following stops for traffic violations. The unit's goal is to reduce the number of traffic crashes involving commercial vehicles, thereby reducing the associated injuries and fatalities.

Motor Carrier's goal is being achieved through the following programs: monthly week-

long strike forces saturating high-crash corridors; monthly bus and hazardous materials details; and carrier-based training involving the hours of service rules (driving time - log book) pre-inspection criteria (preventative maintenance).

Local police departments throughout the state (24 agencies with 124 officers) also assist in this goal by performing roadside inspections. Both the CVE Program and Local Agency Program activity are monitored by the MCSU.

The MCSU also is responsible for enforcement of oversize permits and weight laws. This responsibility falls to 15 weight enforcement troopers who are also trained to perform NAS-1 inspections, but primarily enforce the state weight and size laws. The ability to weigh individual axles and find and cite violators serves to reduce the occurrence of overweight carriers, makes for safer roadways and prevents the destruction of road surfaces associated with overweight trucks.

MCSU/CVE Enforcement Activity

1999 2000 Plus/Minus

Total Inspections 20,708 31,227 10,519

Intrastate 4,144 5,755 1,611

Interstate 16,564 25,472 8,908

Total Violations 75,980 113,865 37,885

Trucks 46,173 74,236 28,063

Buses 63 101 38

Haz/mat vehicles 1,467 1,913 446

Drivers 29,544 39,429 9,885

Vehicles Placed Out of Service

Haz/mat 65 100 35

Non Haz/mat 3,161 6,054 2,893

Buses 3 4 1

Weight Detail Activity

1999 2000 Plus/Minus

Trucks Weighed 989,887 1,067,644 77,757

Weighed fixed scales 51,463 154,828 103,365

Weighed portable scales 36,125 44,379 8,254

Weighed WIM 902,299 868,437 (33,862)

Total Arrests 9,196 8,860 (336)

Axle weight violations 3,469 3,502 33

Gross weight violations 200 2,710 2,510

Bridge formula 5,527 2,648 (2,879)

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Highway Patrol Activity

Change (+/-)

from FY 98-99

Miles traveled 12,932,901 -1,570,495

Routine 12,527,432 -1,279,904

Overtime 405,469 -290,591

Duty Hours 885,111 -60,358

Routine 699,228 +34,291

Other 185,883 -94,649

Motorist contacts 511,867 -99,237

Hazardous arrests 213,344 -50,083

Non-hazardous arrests 43,215 -9,604

Incident/offense reports 5,645 -1,727

Inspections 30,394 +4,081

Warnings issued 156,466 -32,588

Motorists assisted 27,251 -7,921

Accidents investigated 35,552 -1,395

Arrests/citations issued 195,374 -87,145

Speeding 120,969 -76,432

DUI 7,678 -2,339

No driver license 7,341 -2,881

Driving while suspended/revoked 11,643 -5,725

Improper tag 4,744 -4,422

Child restraint 1,856 -1,248

Seatbelt 37,474 +30,886

Liability insurance 3,669 N/A

DL & equipment checkpoints 1,300 +35

Traffic homicide investigations 245 +47

Troopers assaulted 16 +1

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Service Division

- The Service Division is responsible for providing training, supplies, equipment, assistance and other special services necessary to the effective operation of the Department of Public Safety. Many of these services also are made available to other law enforcement agencies and state departments.

Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center

The Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center is the largest law enforcement training facility in the state. The 21-acre site in Selma includes an academic building containing classrooms and auditorium, physical fitness center, dining hall, dormitory, firing range and defensive and pursuit driving courses.

The center provides training for department personnel as well as training and/or accommodations for other law enforcement and governmental agencies.

During the fiscal year, the center provided in-service training to DPS arresting officers following curricula developed by the Training and Career Development Board. Topics included firearms qualification, legal issues update, cultural awareness, critical incident management, officer survival and report writing.

Other training courses presented at the Training Center included: advanced accident investigation, APOSTC method of instruction, applied physics, basic criminal investigation, basic OC spray instructor course, cargo tank school, CDL certification, commercial vehicle accident investigation, computer collision diagramming, cultural awareness course, defensive tactics, DL driver education training, Draeger training, forensic mapping, fraudulent ID prevention program, highway response driving, Intoxilyzer 5000, juvenile probation officer training, Kinesic interviewing and interrogations, LECC law enforcement summit, mid-level management, motorcoach inspections, motorcycle accident investigation, narcotics field testing, pedestrian accident investigation, photography for traffic crash investigators, PPCT instructor recertification, radar retraining, standardized field sobriety testing, SWAT training, training of trainers, traffic homicide school and weapons of mass destruction.

Other agencies conducting training at the center include Alcoholic Beverage Control Board's Enforcement Division, American Red Cross, Department of Corrections, Department of Conservation, Department of Youth Services and Mental Health. Other agencies utilized the center's facilities and resources to train 992 students.

The Alabama Police Academy conducted three basic police training sessions, graduating a total of 164 law enforcement officers. These officers represented various agencies across the state including local, county, state and other law enforcement agencies.

During the fiscal year, the Implied Consent and Recruiting units operated within the Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center and were supervised by the training center commander.

The Department of Forensic Sciences took over operations of the Implied Consent Unit during 2000. Prior to this transfer, Implied Consent staff at the training center conducted six Breathalyzer training schools during the fiscal year. Unit staff assisted Forensic Sciences with training, placement and certification for the Draeger breath-testing instrument and maintaining supplies throughout the state. The unit also assisted in the training and maintenance for hand-held breath testing instruments issued statewide.

The Recruiting Unit maintains data and provides information for Public Safety and State Personnel

concerning trooper applicant interest. This unit also mails recruiting brochures to interested parties in response to phone calls, letters, e-mails, and job/career fairs. Recruiting staff attend job/career fairs and career days at secondary schools and colleges in order to actively promote the Department of Public Safety in both job opportunities and good public relations. During the fiscal year, the unit mailed out 1,402 pieces of recruiting literature; attended 22 job/career fairs and completed four recruiting surveys.

The Alabama Criminal Justice Training Library provides support for the Department of Public Safety and the Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center. The library also assists other law enforcement agencies in meeting training needs by lending films/videos and books and by researching law enforcement related questions. Colleges, professional education and training programs, as well as high school and elementary schools, also use the library. Others using the library include rehabilitation agencies, business organizations and the general public.

ACJTC

Training Sessions 107 Total Students 2,901

DPS Employees 1,909

Other agency employee 992

Basic police course officers 164

ACJTC Library

Audio visual requests 87

Films shipped 15

Video tapes issued 59

Slide presentations shipped 21

Showings 176

Viewers 5,301

Library users 1,988

Books checked out 1,379

Books returned 1,431

Research questions answered 80

New books received 130

Aviation

The State Trooper Aviation Unit flew 2,347.3 flight hours in general support of law enforcement during the fiscal year - a reduction of 795 flight hours from the previous year. The retirements of two trooper pilots during the year meant fewer hours flown in the support of the Marijuana Eradication Program.

A five-year summary of Aviation Unit activity follows:

Flight Hours

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Civilian</u>	<u>Military</u>	<u>Surplus</u>	<u>Total</u>
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95-96	1111.2	1275.5	2386.7	
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96-97	1065.8	2572.2	3648.0	
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97-98	817.3	3150.6	3967.9	
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98-99	717.5	2424.0	3141.5	
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99-00	601.1	1746.2	2347.3	
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Total	4312.9	11168.5	15491.4	
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General Fund Funding

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Total</u>
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96-97	\$220,000
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97-98	\$152,500
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98-99	\$62,500
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99-00	\$37,500
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During 1996 and 1997 military surplus aircraft were requested and received from the federal government at no cost to the department. This military surplus aircraft included six OH58 helicopters to be flown in general support of all law enforcement agencies with an emphasis on the interdiction of drugs; six nonflyable OH58 helicopters which were to be used for parts, lowering the department's operational costs; four flyable UH1H helicopters and four nonflyable parts aircraft. Two King Air (C12) airplanes were received in 1996 for support of law enforcement at all levels of government.

The military surplus aircraft have been the preferred aircraft for missions because they can be operated at approximately 50 to 75 percent below normal operational costs.

The Aviation Unit staff is composed of five pilots stationed in Montgomery and Decatur. Efforts continue to train and locate at least one pilot in Mobile. The maintenance section comprises three mechanics and one maintenance supervisor. The structure of the maintenance section and the number of flyable aircraft, with the availability of military surplus parts, support the cost effectiveness of the unit. A secretarial position provides administrative support.

Goals of the Aviation Unit during the fiscal year:

Continue to train newly acquired pilots to a level that enables them to answer any flight request from the Department of Public Safety or other law enforcement agencies.

Provide recurrent training for senior pilots in both fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft.

Seek funding to refurbish another OH-58 and equip with a newer FLIR/color camera system.

Acquire night vision goggles for each pilot to enhance flight safety during night operations and increase the success of FLIR missions.

Aircraft Operating Costs FY 99-00

Tail No.	Type	Maintenance	Shop Exp.	Fuel	Total Cost	Total Hours	% Hours	Cost /Hour
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***** Navajo	17,025.42	755.36	12,174.81	29,955.59	147.6	6.288	202.95
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***** C-182	550.63	184.23	1,007.38	1,742.24	36.0	1.534	48.40
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***** C-182	1,426.15	455.47	2,694.50	4,576.12	89.0	3.792	51.42
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N3173H L. Ranger	77,205.53	703.67	4,298.90	82,208.10	137.5	5.858	597.88
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N3902W J. Ranger	15,574.98	977.46	6,620.36	23,172.80	191.0	8.137	121.32
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N154SA OH-58A+	18,944.91	2,047.55	11,312.20	32,304.66	400.1	17.045	80.74
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N155SA OH-58A+	46,174.99	258.95	1,628.44	48,062.38	50.6	2.156	949.85
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N157SA OH-58A+	413.16	1,869.97	17,191.28	19,474.41	365.4	15.567	53.30
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N158SA OH-58A+	164.50	2,421.65	15,710.15	18,296.30	473.2	20.159	38.67
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N159SA OH-58A+ 6,283.35 423.74 2,958.52 9,665.61 82.8 3.527 116.73

N160SA OH-58A+ 9,939.81 1,914.50 26,809.09 38,663.40 374.1 15.937 103.35

Communications

The Communications Engineering Unit is responsible for installing and maintaining communications equipment at 18 trooper posts, as well as 923 mobile radios, 500 portable radios, six 800 MHz radio systems, 442 800 MHz portable radios, 528 radars, 10 microwave transmitters. The unit also supports communications for 32 other state agencies. The 800 MHz systems maintained by this unit are located in Montgomery, Mobile, Decatur, Huntsville and Jacksonville.

Unit personnel install and maintain several Public Safety telephone systems, sirens, radars, light bars, generators and microwave systems. In addition, this unit supplies support at the Talladega races and is responsible for preparing communications equipment in the command post for any emergencies that may arise.

During the year the unit replaced several transmission cables and antennae, and continued installation of remaining mobile vehicle repeaters, replacing older base stations. The majority of mobiles and radar stations were replaced and one 800 MHz complete system prepared for installation.

The Communications Engineering Unit staff comprises one supervisor, one stock clerk and 10 technicians.

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Fleet Maintenance

Fleet Maintenance is responsible for the issuance and maintenance of all vehicles operated by the department. Other responsibilities of the unit include supplying automotive parts to outlying state trooper posts and assisting other units during special details.

During the 1999-2000 fiscal year, seven new vehicles were placed in service for personnel in the ABI, Highway Patrol, Administrative and Driver License divisions. Personnel also issued confiscated vehicles and placed 112 vehicles back in service. In addition to mechanical repairs and body work, unit personnel also repaired DPS lawn and office equipment. The unit also performed wrecker trips for other state agencies when assistance was needed.

Fleet Maintenance Activity

New vehicles placed in service 7

Vehicles placed back in service 112

Mechanical repairs, including

general service 5,325

Body work 305

Total cost of work orders \$508,116.94

DPS wrecker trips 256

Inventory Services

Inventory Services assigns state property inventory numbers to department purchases of \$100 or more, enters and tracks property for accountability, conducts an annual inventory, submits a general asset report annually to Accounting, maintains insurance policies on department equipment and property, and files claims on damage to buildings and contents. At the end of the fiscal year the department's fixed-asset report totaled \$61,173,252.68, an increase of \$1.5 million from FY 1999 to FY 2000.

Photographic Services

Photographic Services provides support for other units of the department by taking photographs and producing videotape, processing film and printing pictures of crime scenes, copies of fingerprints, accident scenes, and criminal suspects and taking publicity photos. The section also provides processing and printing services to other law enforcement agencies requesting assistance. Preserving the chain of evidence, maintaining confidentiality and processing film from scenes of brutality are law enforcement requirements that must be fulfilled by this section instead of by a commercial photographic laboratory.

During the fiscal year, Photographic Services personnel assisted with photo work for aeriels on murder cases, narcotic cases and preparational photos for tact teams. The section continued to provide photos for the headquarters display of departmental activities. The section processed 3,219 rolls of film for a total of 31,897 prints: 19,751 color and 12,146 black and white.

Reproduction Services

Reproduction Services maintains and distributes printed materials in support of the department's five divisions. Impressions for fiscal year 2000 totaled 21,510,250. Rental, placement and servicing of copy machines are coordinated through Reproduction Services. Expenditures totaled 241,884.00 during the fiscal year.

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Supply Unit

Supplies and equipment purchases other than those provided through Fleet Maintenance, Communications Engineering, and Information Services are ordered and distributed through the Supply Unit. Uniforms, protective equipment, office furniture and supplies totaled \$933,460.71.

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